

```
var cMyText = "VeryPDF Copyright \xa9 "  
    + util.printd("MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm:ss", new Date);  
this.addWatermarkText({  
    cText: cMyText,  
    nFontSize: 14,  
    nHorizAlign: "left",  
    nHorizValue: 100,  
    nVertAlign: "bottom",  
    nVertValue: 100,  
    aColor: "red",  
});  
this.dirty = false;
```



JAVASCRIPT

FOR PDF FORMS

THE BASICS

- ▶ One of the easiest and most powerful ways to customize PDF files.
- ▶ Based on JavaScript version 1.5 of ISO-16262 (formerly known as ECMAScript)
- ▶ Implements objects, methods, and properties that enable you to manipulate PDF files, produce database-driven PDF files, modify the appearance of PDF files, and much more.
- ▶ Can be tied to a specific PDF document, page, field, or button and even to a user action.



ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Custom Calculations
- ▶ Complex, Form Specific Validation
- ▶ Manipulate Fields and Annotations
- ▶ Power of Data Arrays
- ▶ Extensive Tool Set for Problem Solving

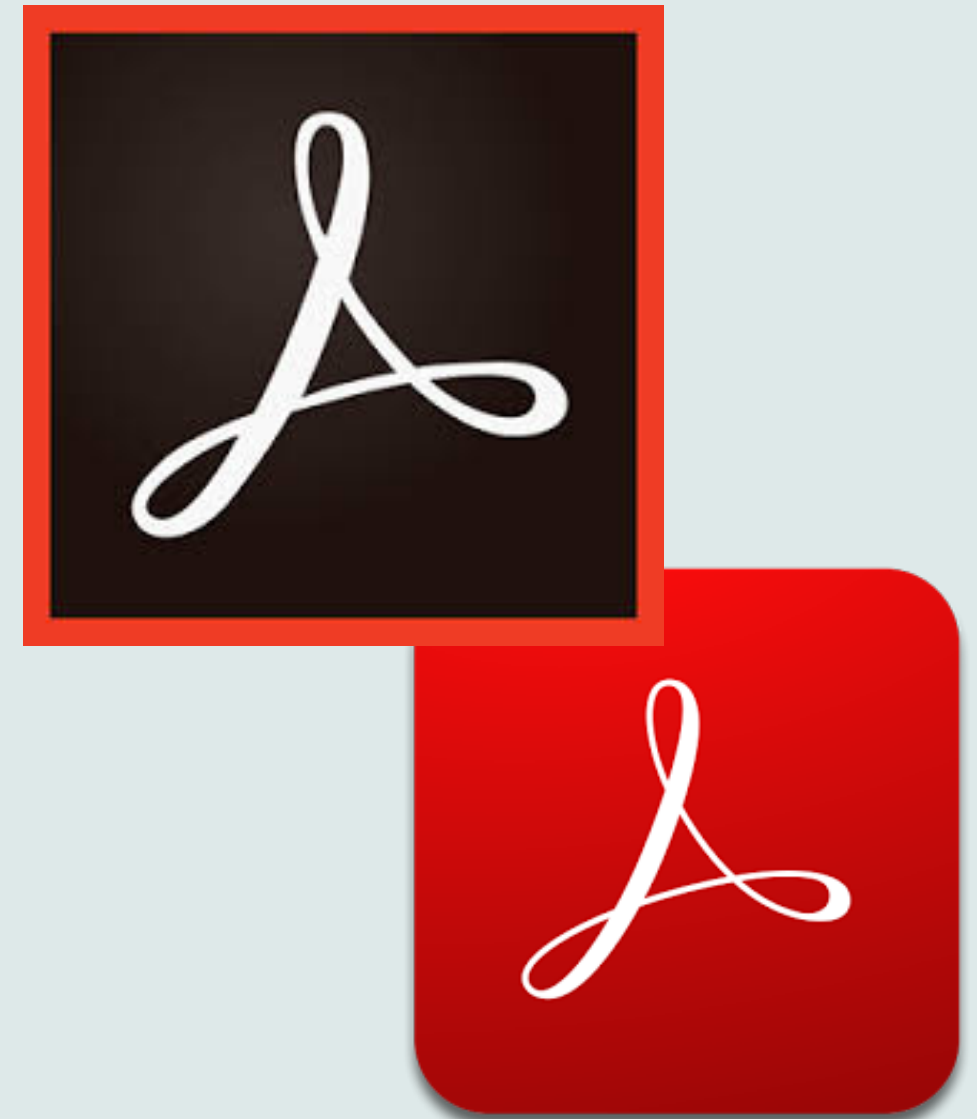


JavaScript



LIMITATIONS

- ▶ Acrobat Pro vs. Reader
- ▶ Inconsistencies in Reader Mobile
- ▶ Security Restrictions
- ▶ Pushing the Limits of PDF
- ▶ FormCalc vs. Javascript



JAVASCRIPT RESOURCES

Acrobat DC SDK Documentation - Javascript

Adobe

https://help.adobe.com/en_US/acrobat/acrobat_dc_sdk/2015/HTMLHelp/#t=Acro12_MasterBook%2FJavaScript_SectionPage%2FJavaScript_SectionPage.htm

Acrobat & PDF Scripting Learning Center & Library

Thom Parker - Windjack Solutions

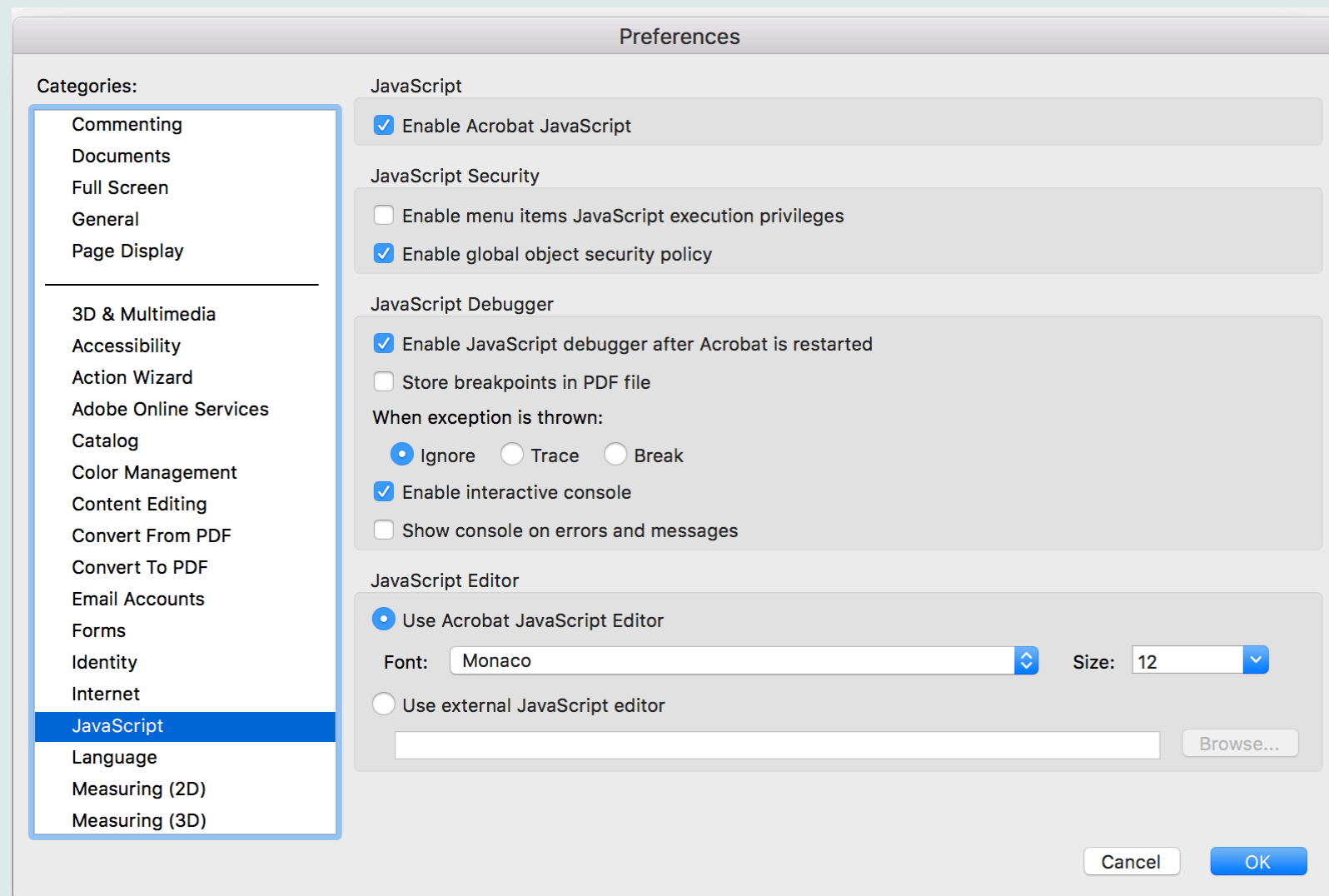
<https://www.pdfscripting.com/>

Adobe LiveCycle ES4 - Scripting Reference

Adobe

https://help.adobe.com/en_US/lifecycle/11.0/DesignerScriptingRef/index.html

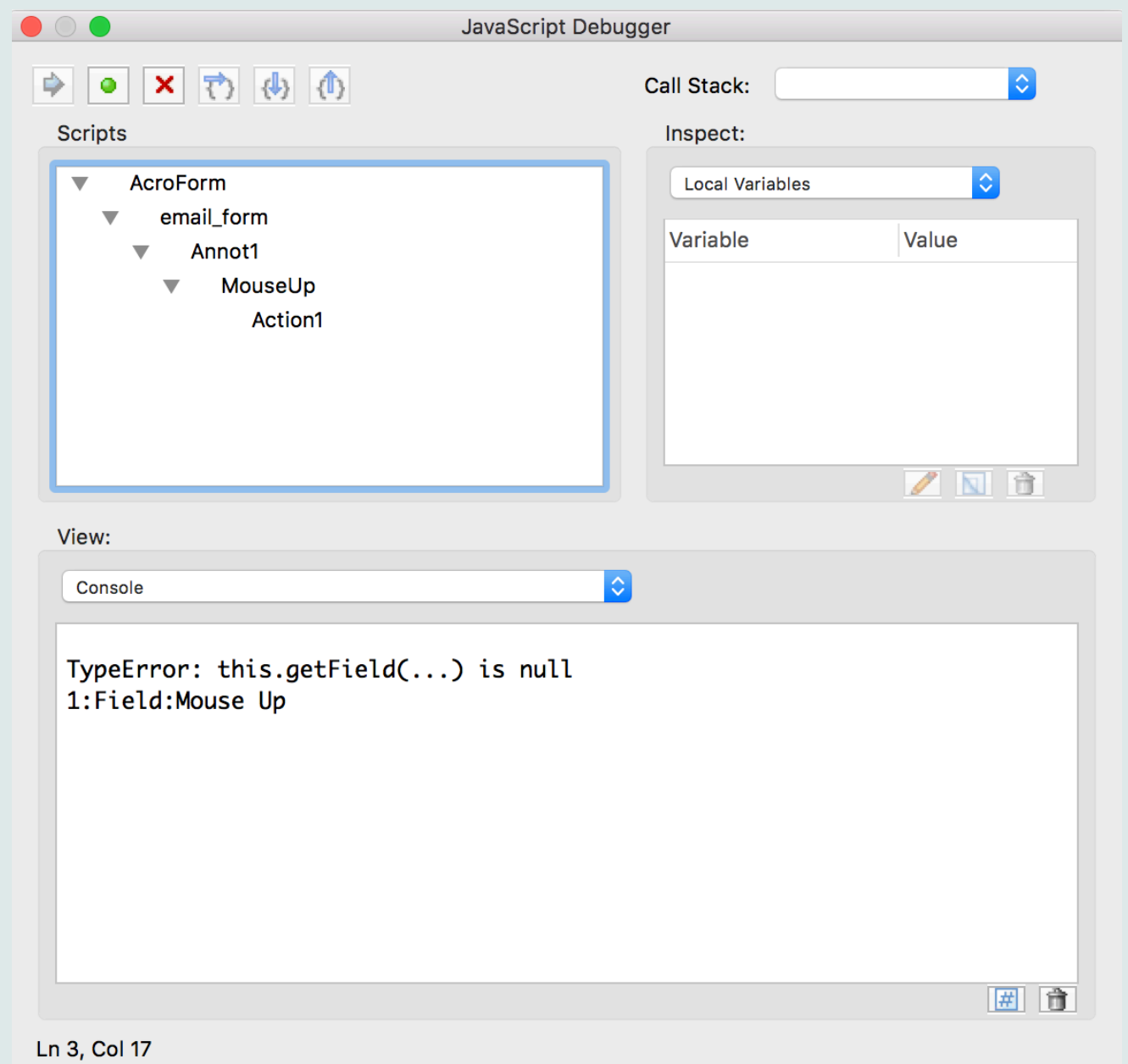
JAVASCRIPT PREFERENCES



- ▶ Enable Acrobat Javascript
- ▶ Show console on errors and messages

GENERAL DEBUGGING

- ▶ Using `app.alert`
- ▶ Default Messages in the JavaScript Debugger
- ▶ Using `console.println` to write messages to the Debugger Console window

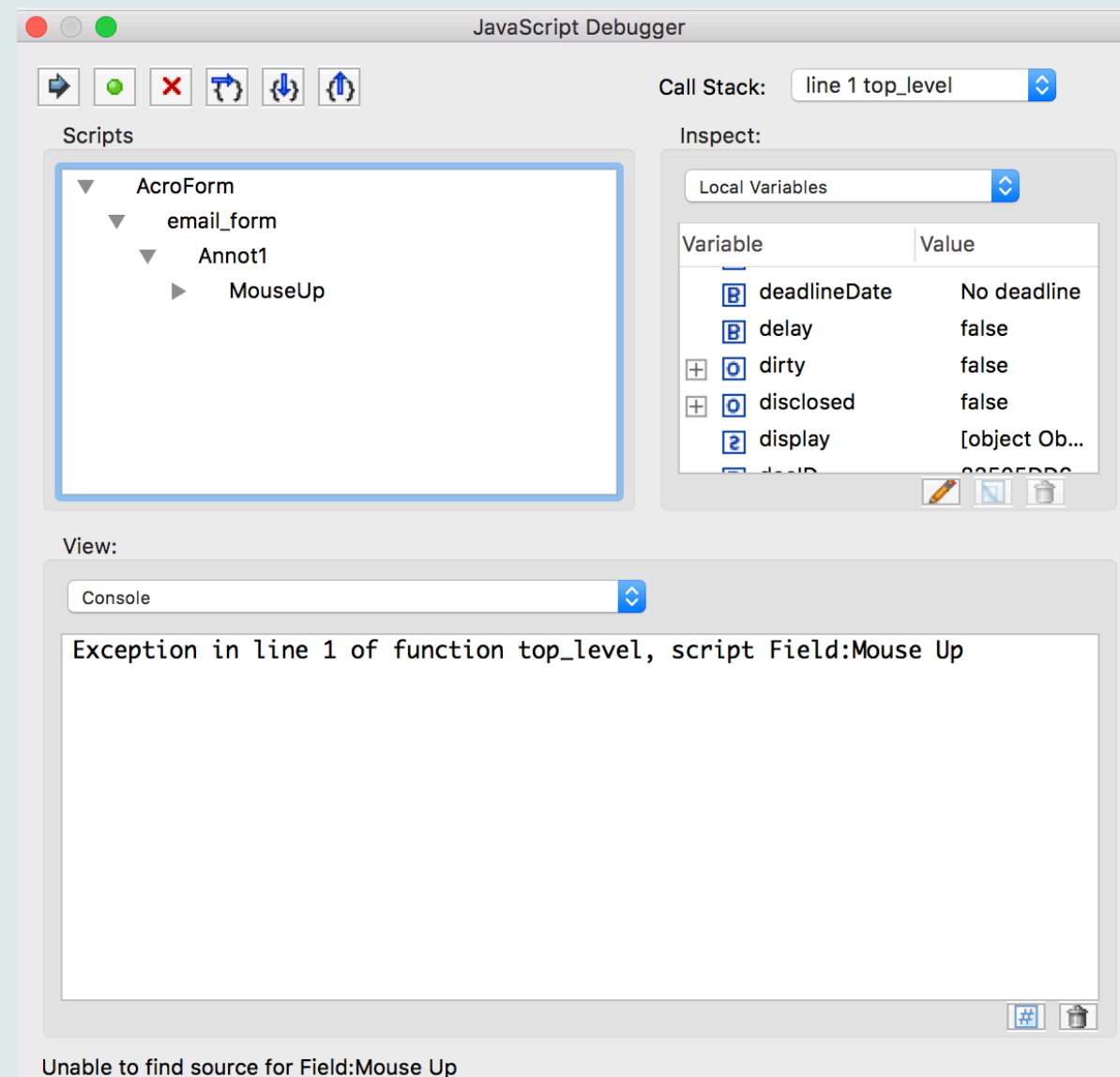


THE JAVASCRIPT DEBUGGER CONSOLE

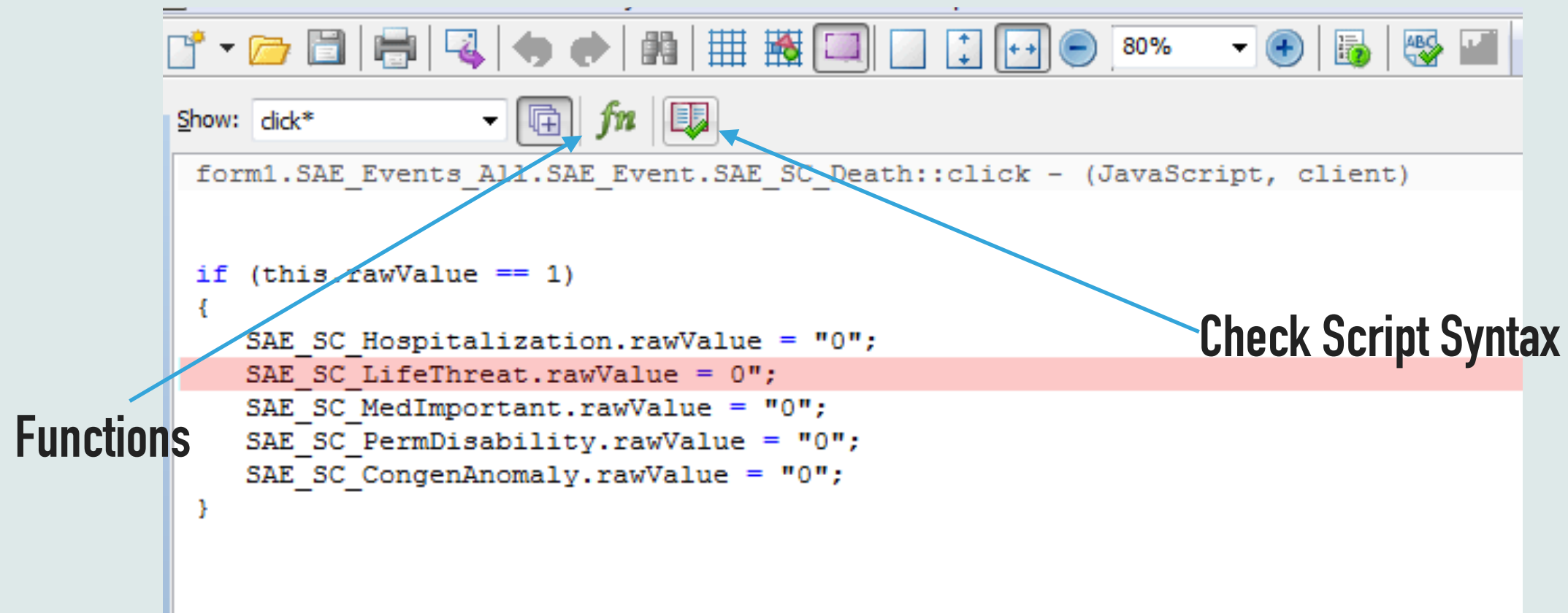
The Acrobat JavaScript Console

Thom Parker for the Adobe Acrobat Users Library

https://acrobatusers.com/tutorials/javascript_console



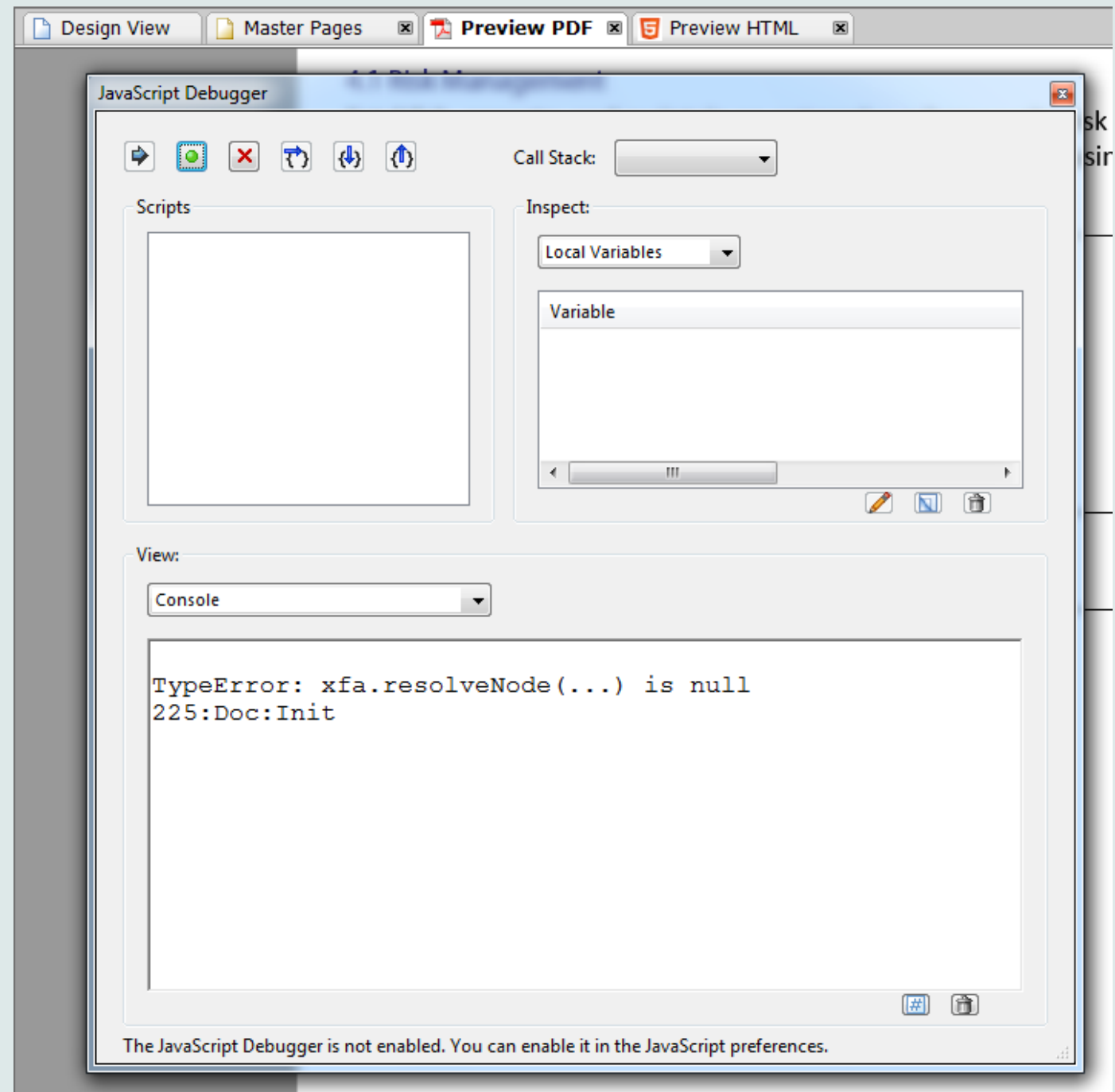
DEBUGGING IN LIVECYCLE



- ▶ The Script Editor window has a Function features display available functions as you type.
- ▶ Check Script Syntax will find any typos or general syntax errors and highlight those lines for review.

THE CONSOLE WINDOW IN LIVECYCLE

- ▶ The Preview PDF feature in LC Designer will use the Preference setting from your local install of Reader or Acrobat.
- ▶ Use `console.println` or `app.alert` just as you would in Acrobat.

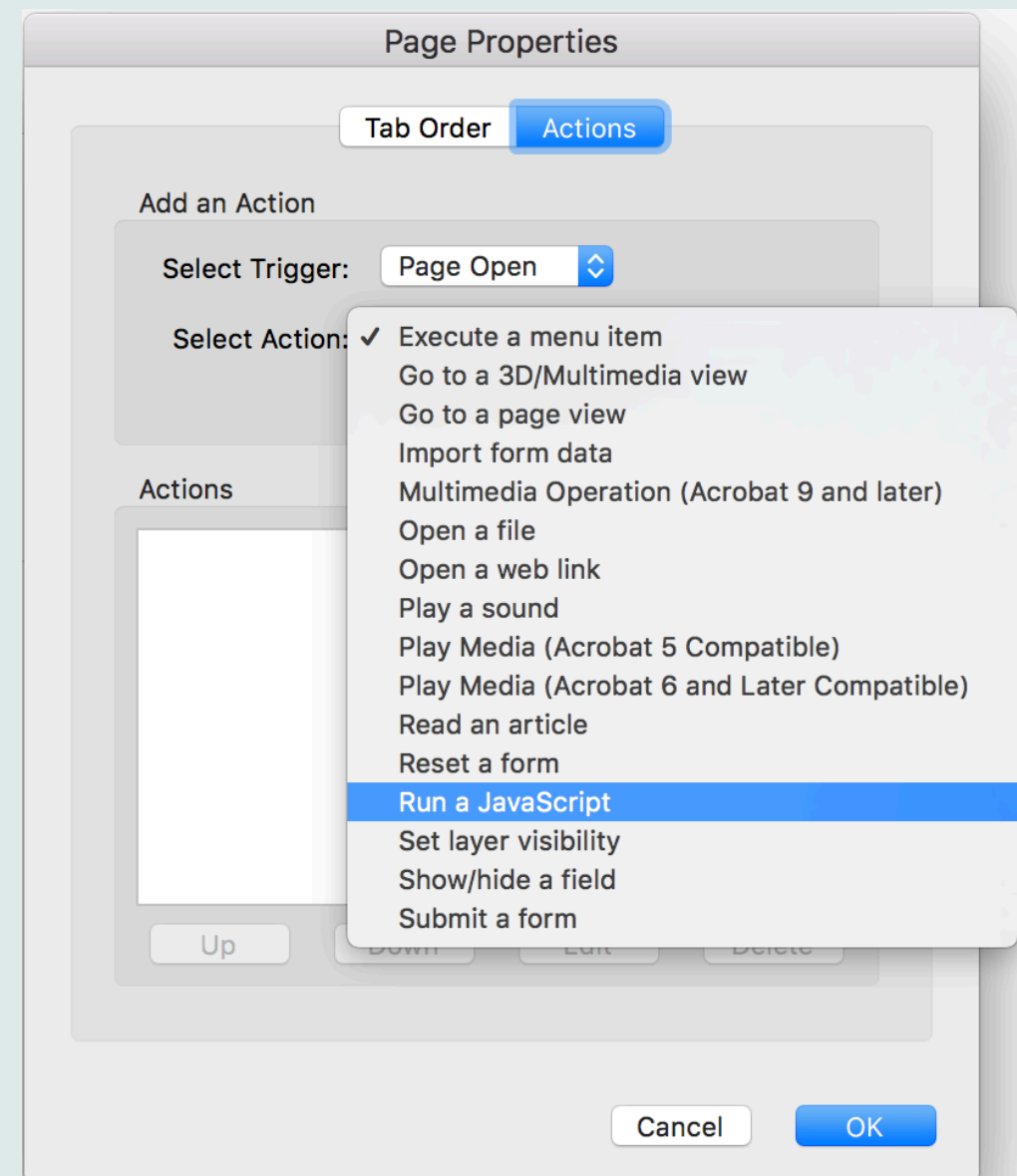


ADDING JS TO FORMS

JAVASCRIPT IN ACTIONS

You can use JavaScript anywhere you can trigger an Action.

- ▶ Page, Bookmark, Form Field
- ▶ Field Triggers Include:
 - ▶ Mouse Up
 - ▶ Mouse Down
 - ▶ Mouse Enter
 - ▶ Mouse Exit
 - ▶ On Focus
 - ▶ On Blur



FORMAT AND VALIDATE

Available in Combo Box and Text Fields only.

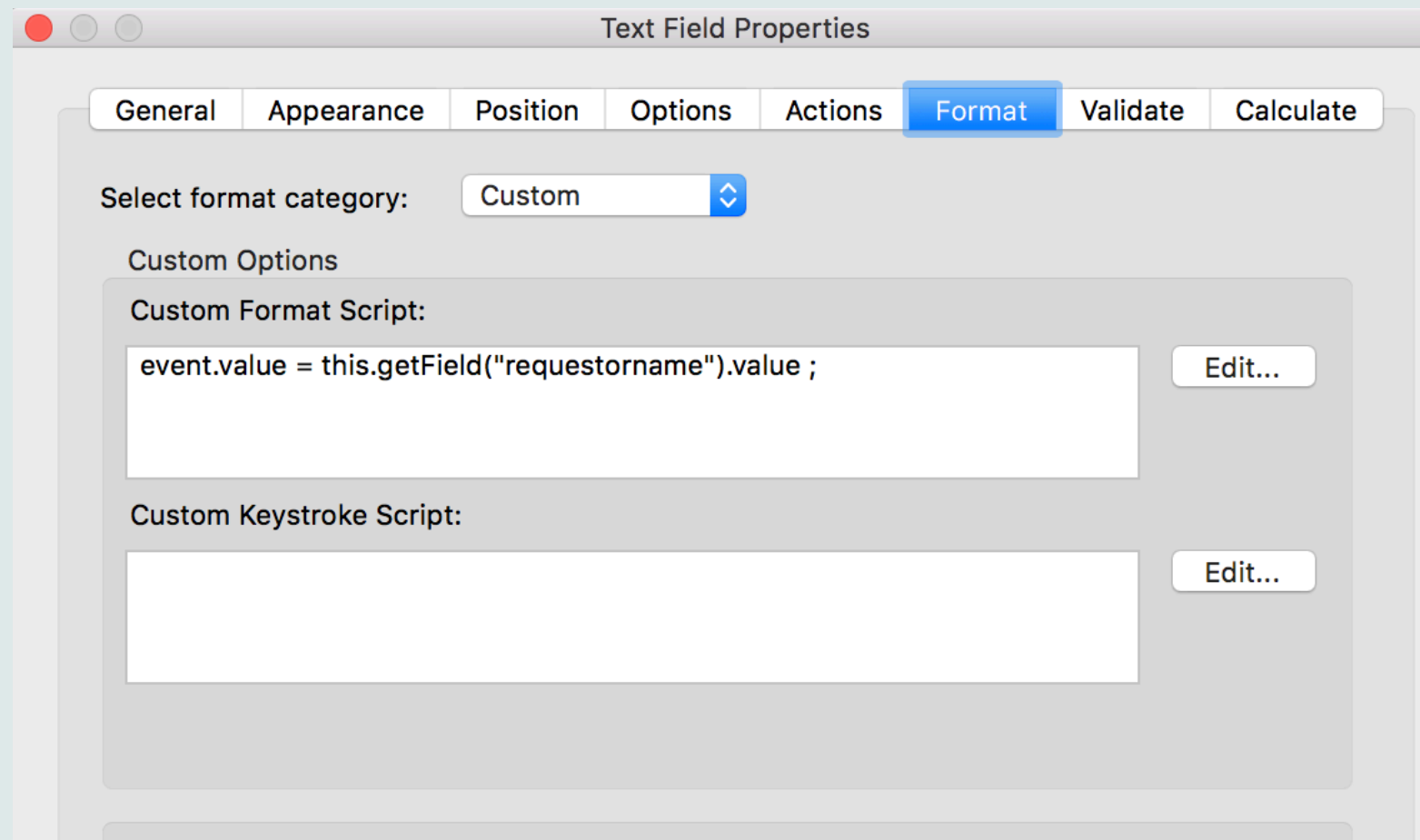
- ▶ Keystroke scripts run before the value of the field is actually changed against the user's input.
- ▶ Format scripts run on the new value of the field, after the data is committed. Changes made in Format impact the appearance of the data in the field, not the value.

The screenshot shows the 'Text Field Properties' dialog box with the 'Format' tab selected. The 'Select format category' dropdown is set to 'Custom'. Under 'Custom Options', there are two sections: 'Custom Format Script' and 'Custom Keystroke Script'. The 'Custom Format Script' section has an empty text area and an 'Edit...' button. The 'Custom Keystroke Script' section has a text area containing the following code:

```
//Regular Expression for Numeric Values Only  
var fmt_no = /^\d$/  
  
//Value entered at time of Keystroke event (single character)
```

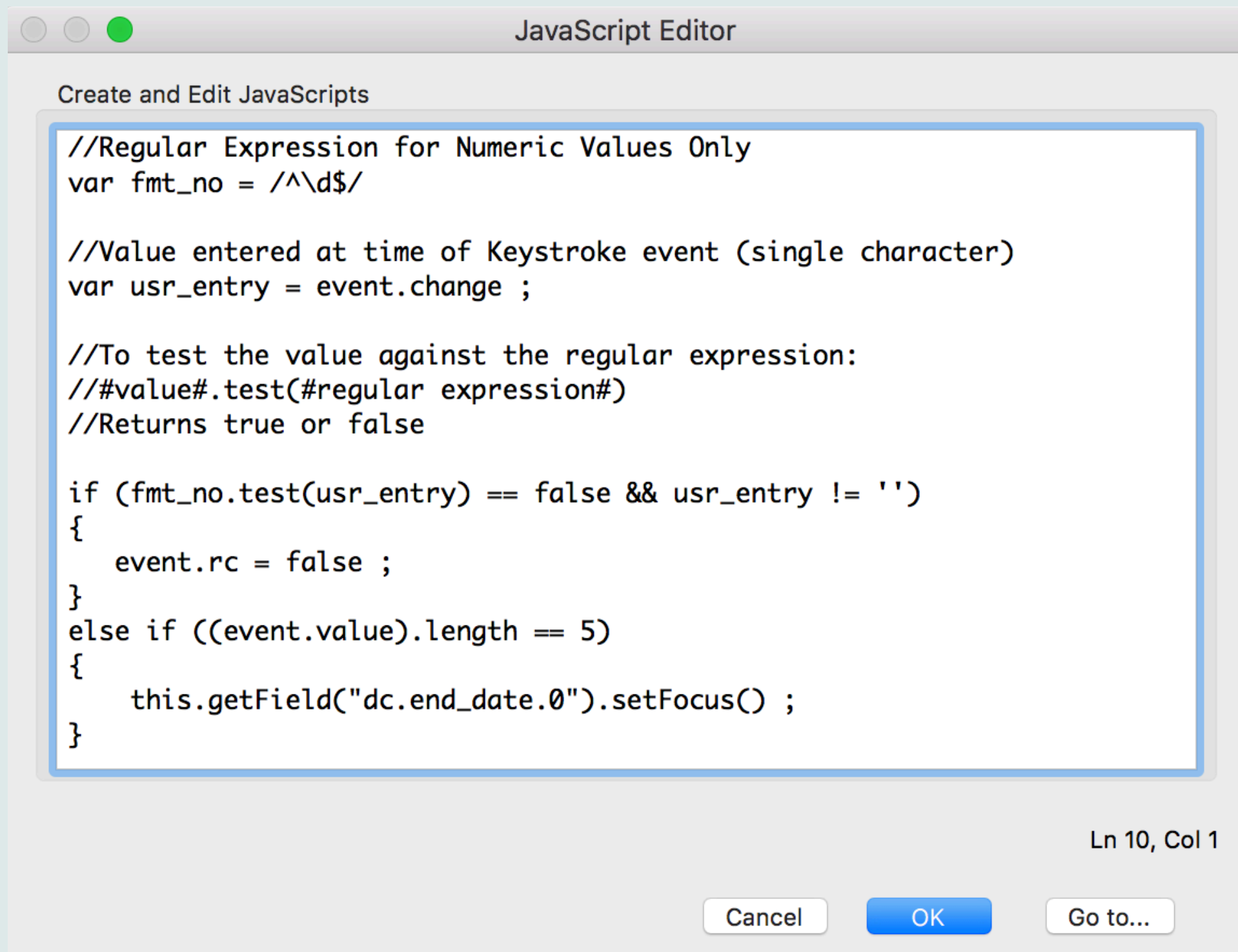
Each script section has an 'Edit...' button. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a 'Locked' checkbox (unchecked) and a 'Close' button. A lightbulb icon and a note are also present: 'Lets you define JavaScripts for custom formatting and keystroke validation.'

FORMAT EXAMPLE



- Adding this simple line to the Custom Format option will auto-populate data from one field to other fields throughout your form.
- Simply replace the text in double-quotes with the name of the field that contains your source data.

KEYSTROKE EXAMPLE



SECTION 1: EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Employee Name Employer Name


First Last

Address

City State Zip Phone

SSN or Employee ID
(No Dashes)

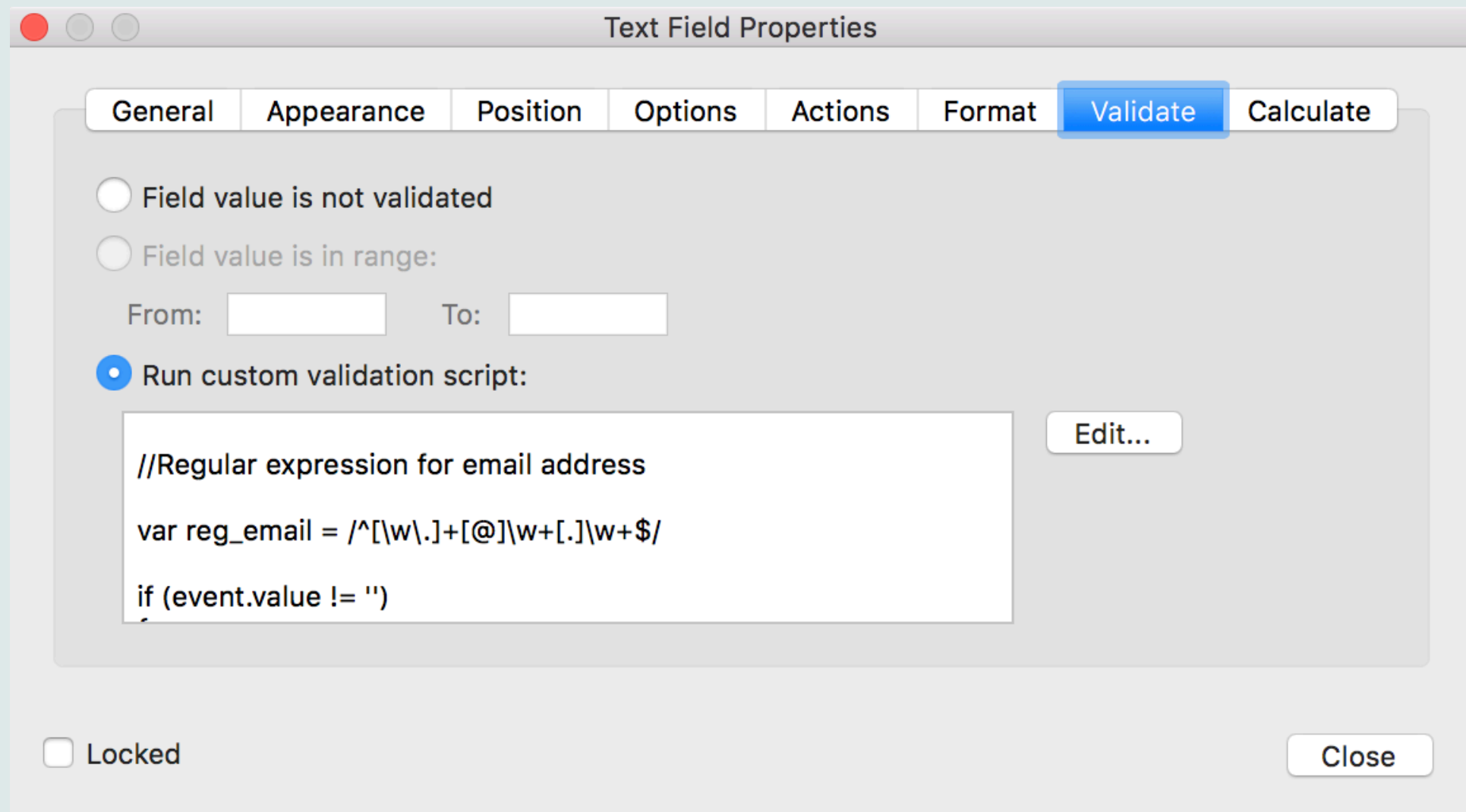
SECTION 2: YOUR EXPENSE INFORMATION

 **Important Note:** If the expense spans across multiple days, please use a new line for each week or month.

Start Date of Service	End Date of Service	Provider's Names	Proof/Receipts Available?	Expense Parkin
MMDDYY	MMDDYY			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	T
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	T
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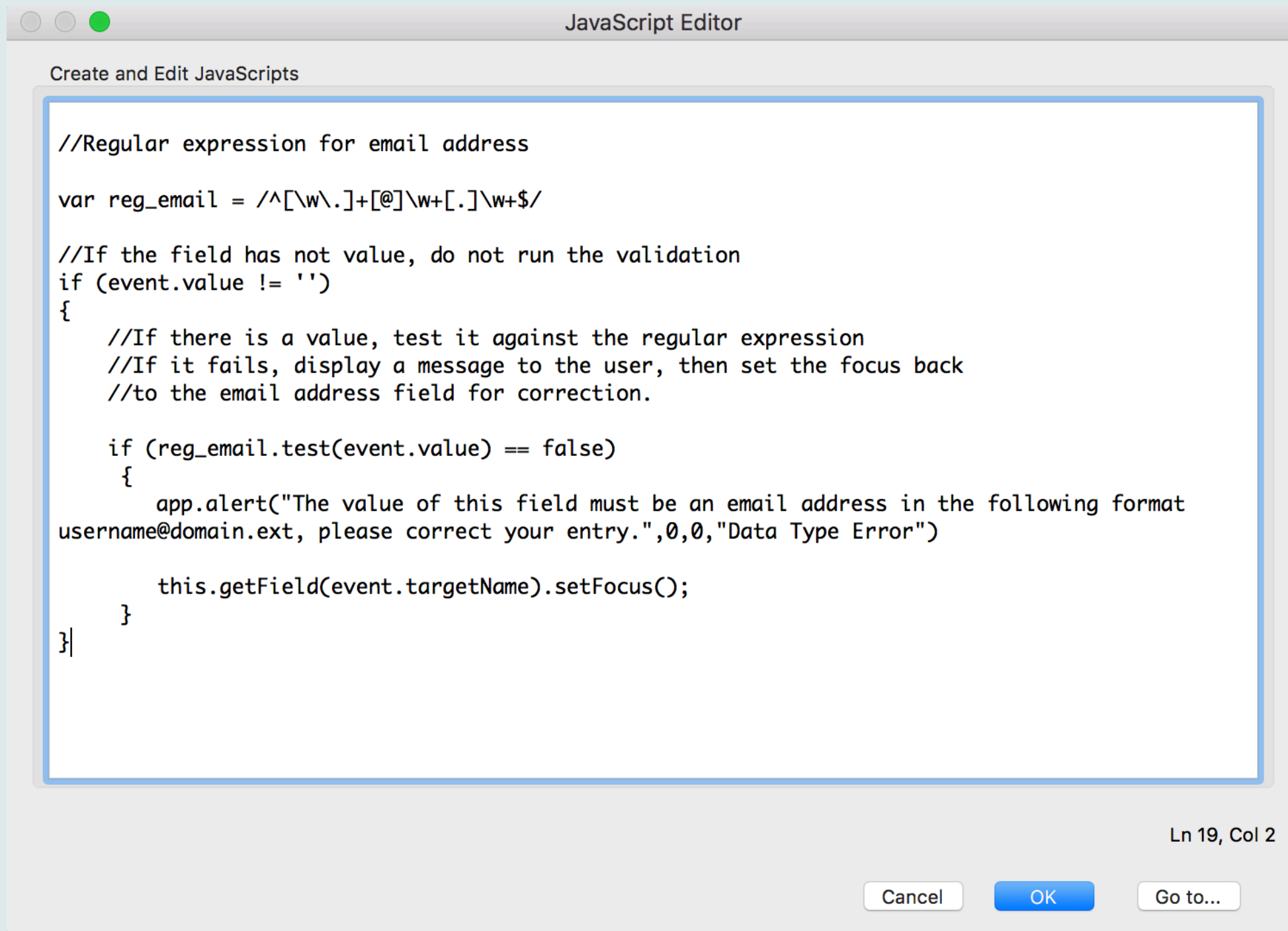
VALIDATE

Available in Combo Box and Text Fields only.



- ▶ Validate scripts run on the new value of the field after the data is committed.
- ▶ The field value range feature can be used to limit values on a numeric field.

VALIDATE EXAMPLE



VALIDATE EXAMPLE

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BASIC CONTACT INFORMATION

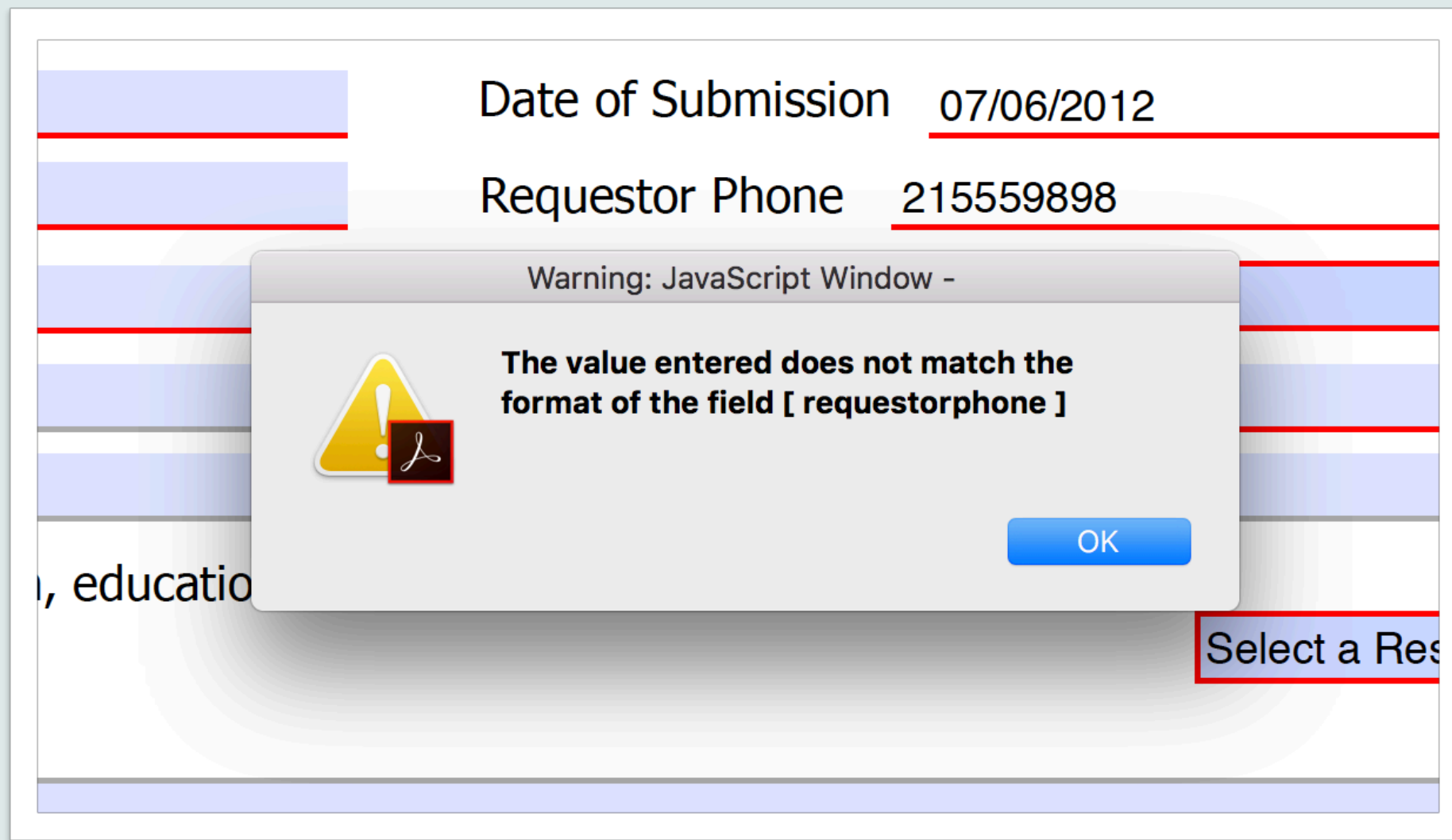
Fields with red borders are mandatory fields and must be completed in order to successfully submit a request for review. The remaining fields are not mandatory, however, should be filled in if known or the Requestor can request information. For questions not filled in, the Requestor will be asked to work with a team member to complete.

Requestor Name	<input type="text"/>	Date of Submission	<input type="text" value="07/06/2012"/>
Requestor Title	<input type="text"/>	Requestor Phone	<input type="text"/>
Requestor Email	<input type="text"/>	Priority	<input type="text" value="Select a Priority"/>
Name of Person Completing the Form	<input type="text"/>	Requestor Cost Center	<input type="text"/>
Email of Person Completing the Form	<input type="text"/>		
<p>Do you have any relationship – business, financial, research, educational or other – with the supplier of this product or any of the supplier’s representatives?</p> <p>If yes, please clarify:</p> <div></div>			

VENDOR AND PRODUCT INFORMATION

BUILT IN VALIDATION

Acrobat provides standard validation for a variety of data types.



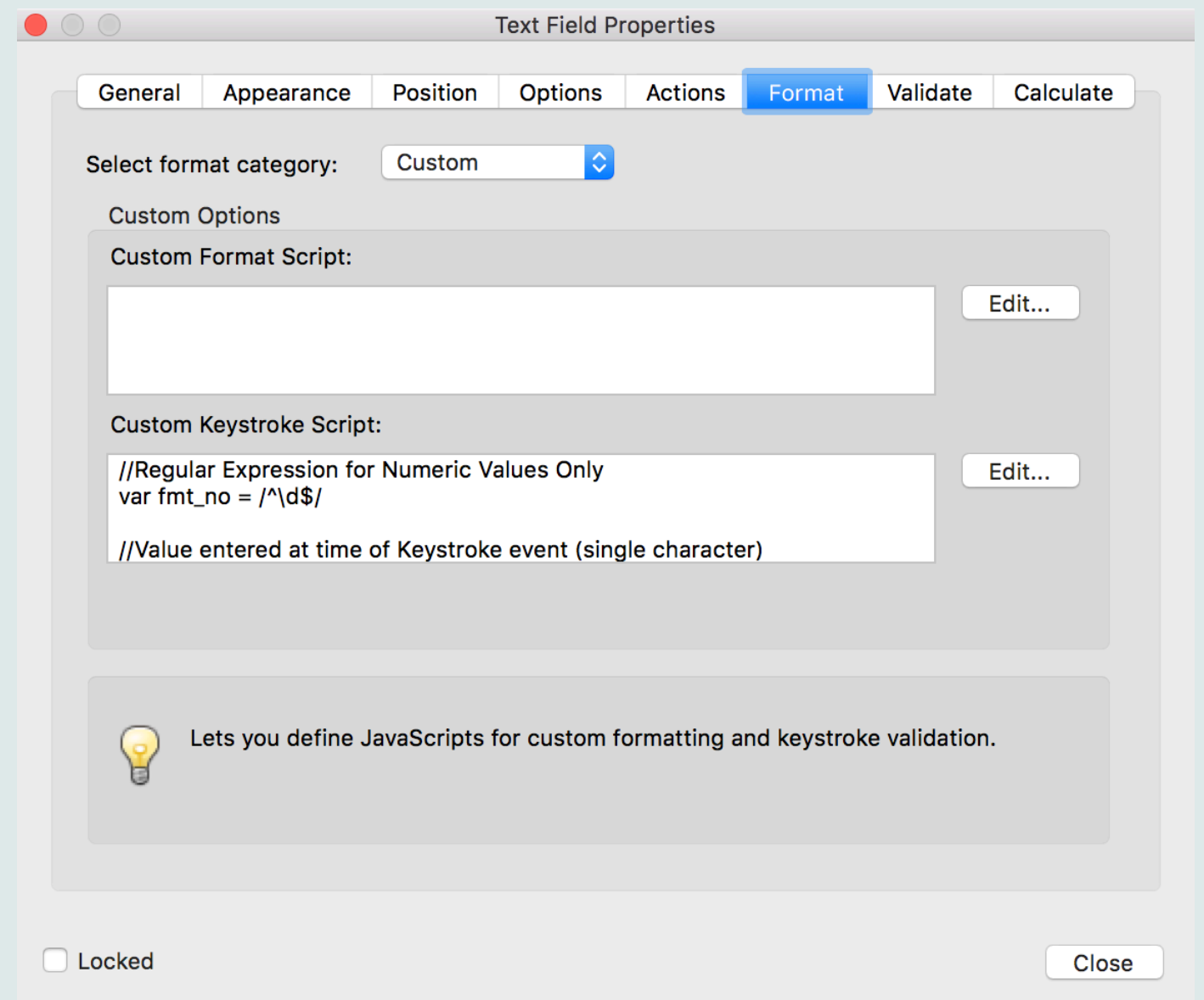
The screenshot shows a form with several fields. The 'Date of Submission' field contains '07/06/2012' and the 'Requestor Phone' field contains '215559898'. A modal warning box is displayed in the center, titled 'Warning: JavaScript Window -'. It features a yellow warning triangle icon with a red Adobe logo. The message inside the box reads: 'The value entered does not match the format of the field [requestorphone]'. An 'OK' button is located at the bottom right of the warning box. In the background, other form fields are visible, including one labeled 'education' and a dropdown menu labeled 'Select a Res'.

- ▶ Built in options are limited unlike JavaScript and regular expressions
- ▶ Standard validation messages are not clear to the user.

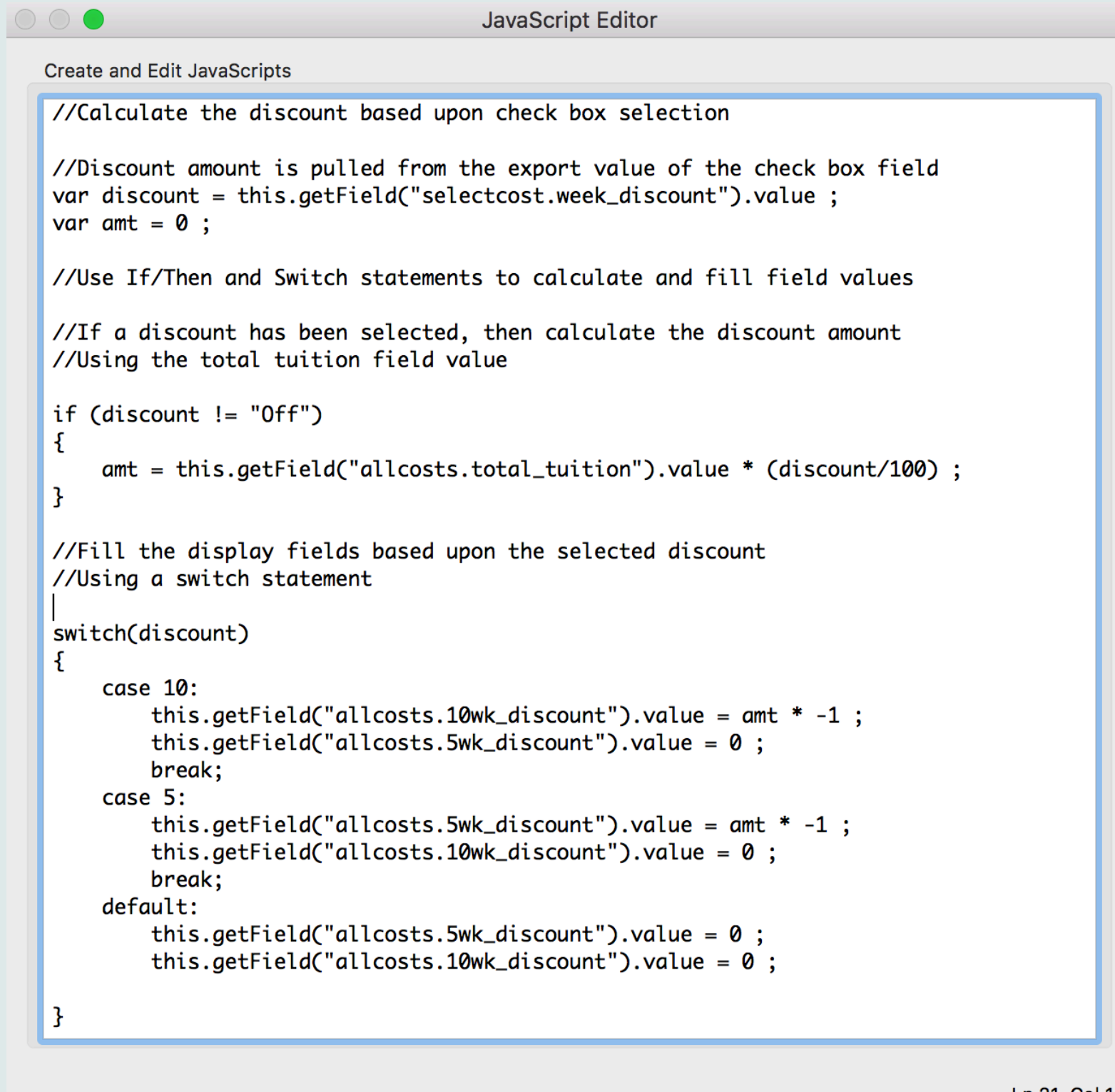
CALCULATE

Available in Combo Box and Text Fields only.

- ▶ Calculate scripts are run every time a value is changed in ANY field in the form.
- ▶ When using multiple calculations with dependencies, it is critical to set the Calculation Order.



CALCULATE EXAMPLE



```
JavaScript Editor

Create and Edit JavaScripts

//Calculate the discount based upon check box selection

//Discount amount is pulled from the export value of the check box field
var discount = this.getField("selectcost.week_discount").value ;
var amt = 0 ;

//Use If/Then and Switch statements to calculate and fill field values

//If a discount has been selected, then calculate the discount amount
//Using the total tuition field value

if (discount != "Off")
{
    amt = this.getField("allcosts.total_tuition").value * (discount/100) ;
}

//Fill the display fields based upon the selected discount
//Using a switch statement
|
switch(discount)
{
    case 10:
        this.getField("allcosts.10wk_discount").value = amt * -1 ;
        this.getField("allcosts.5wk_discount").value = 0 ;
        break;
    case 5:
        this.getField("allcosts.5wk_discount").value = amt * -1 ;
        this.getField("allcosts.10wk_discount").value = 0 ;
        break;
    default:
        this.getField("allcosts.5wk_discount").value = 0 ;
        this.getField("allcosts.10wk_discount").value = 0 ;
}

}
```

CALCULATE EXAMPLE

calculation_examples.pdf

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		wk1	wk2	wk3	wk4	wk5	wk6	wk7	wk8	wk9	wk10
English Common Core & Writing	144										
Math (Subject:)	96										
Workshops: Coding (Python or/and JavaScript)	40										
Lego Robotics with coding	40										
Drone with coding	40										
Blockchain & Smart Contracts	40										
3D Design/Printing	20										
(4) Total											

- Total Tuitions from (3) or (4) above: \$ 385.00
- ☐ **Enroll and pay in full by 3/31 (10% off)** -\$ 0.00 (10% of #1)
- ☐ 10% off if sign up for 10 weeks -\$ 0.00 (10% of #1)
- ☐ 5% off if sign up for 5 weeks or more -\$ 0.00 (5% of #1)
- ☐ Materials fee \$30 +\$ 0.00
- ☐ Registration fee \$30 (waived if enroll by 4/30) +\$ 0.00
- ☐ Free lunch (enrolled by 3/31) ☐ Vegetarian

Tuition Policy **Total \$** 385.00

- Fees due at registration
 - \$200 **non-refundable** deposit is required for registration (to be applied to your last payment)
- Tuitions are due on a monthly basis and invoice will be mailed to parents a week before each session begins
 - 1st Session (6/4-6/29) - Tuition due by 6/4 (Amounts:)
 - 2nd Session (7/2-7/27) - Tuition due by 7/2 (Amounts:)
 - 3rd Session (7/30-8/10) - Tuition due by 7/30 (Amounts:) Total: _____

8.50 x 11.00 in

REFERENCING FIELDS

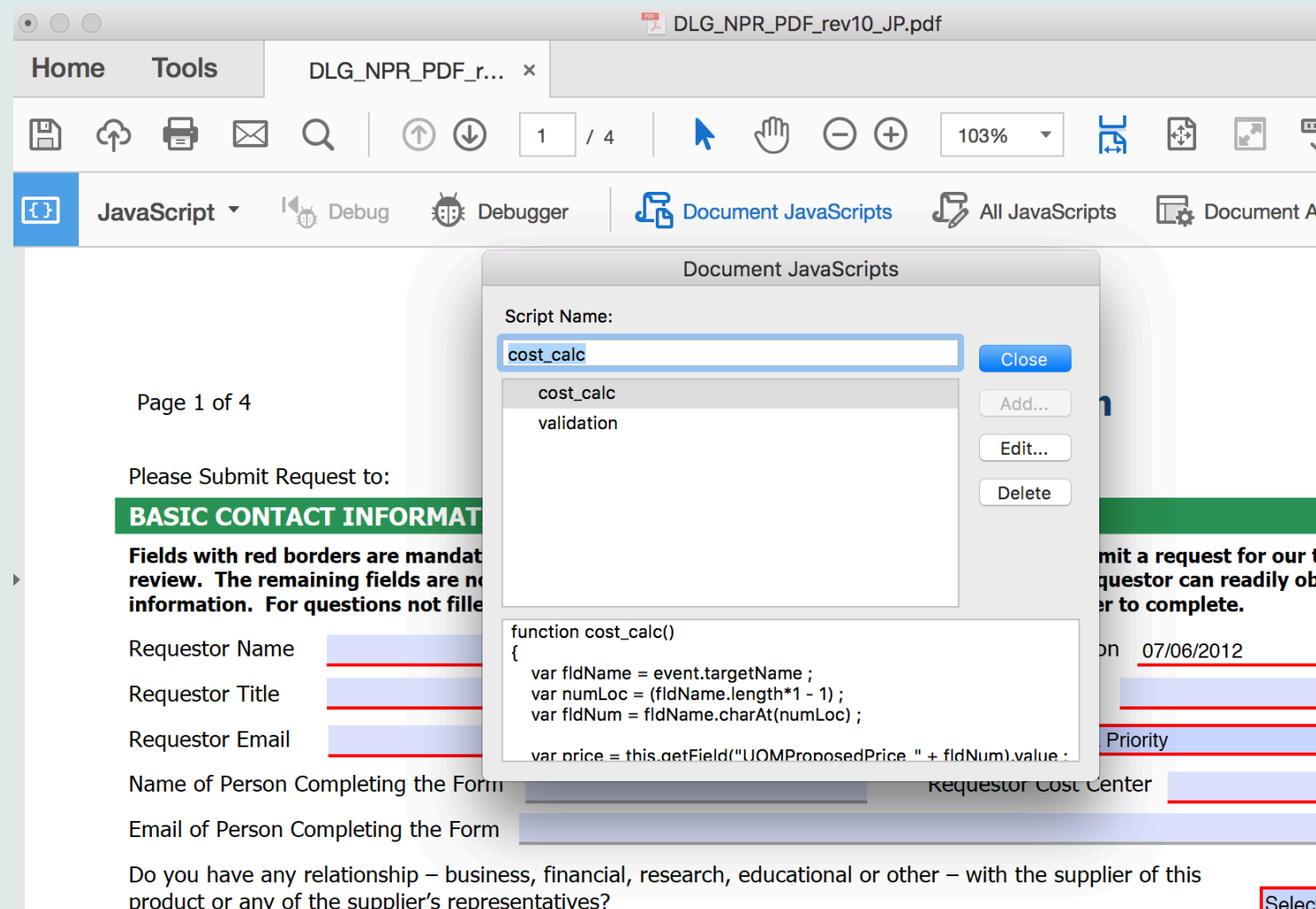
Fields are referenced directly by field name:

```
this.getField("NameOfFieldHere").value ;
```

Or by using the 'numFields' and 'getNthFieldName' document properties/methods, you can loop through all fields in a document.

```
for (var fldCnt = 0 ; fldCnt < this.numFields ; fldCnt++)  
{  
  
this.getField(this.getNthFieldName(fldCnt)).value ;  
  
}
```


DOCUMENT LEVEL SCRIPTS



- ▶ Variables and Functions at the document level can be called from anywhere in the form.
- ▶ Scripts can be maintained in one place for consistency and used throughout the form.

DOCUMENT LEVEL SCRIPTS

How to keep scripts generic.

- ▶ `Event.targetName` = The name of the field that calls the script or function.
- ▶ `Event.value` = The value of the field that calls the script or function. This works well for text fields.
- ▶ `this.getField(event.targetName).value` = The value of the field that calls the script or function. This works better for check boxes and drop down lists.

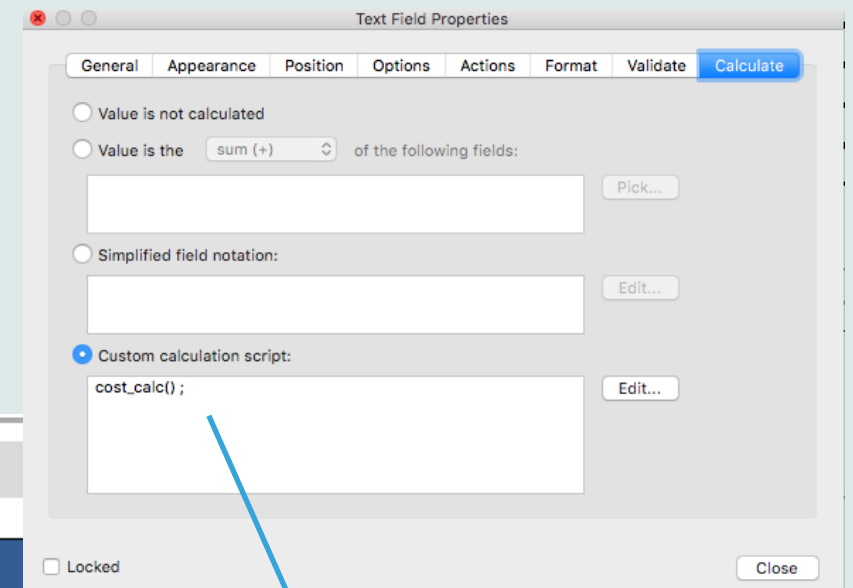
DOCUMENT LEVEL SCRIPTS

Using Field Name Hierarchy

Section III: Product Information

Insert Product Information Here; *(Product Information fields are mandatory for all Items being Requested)*

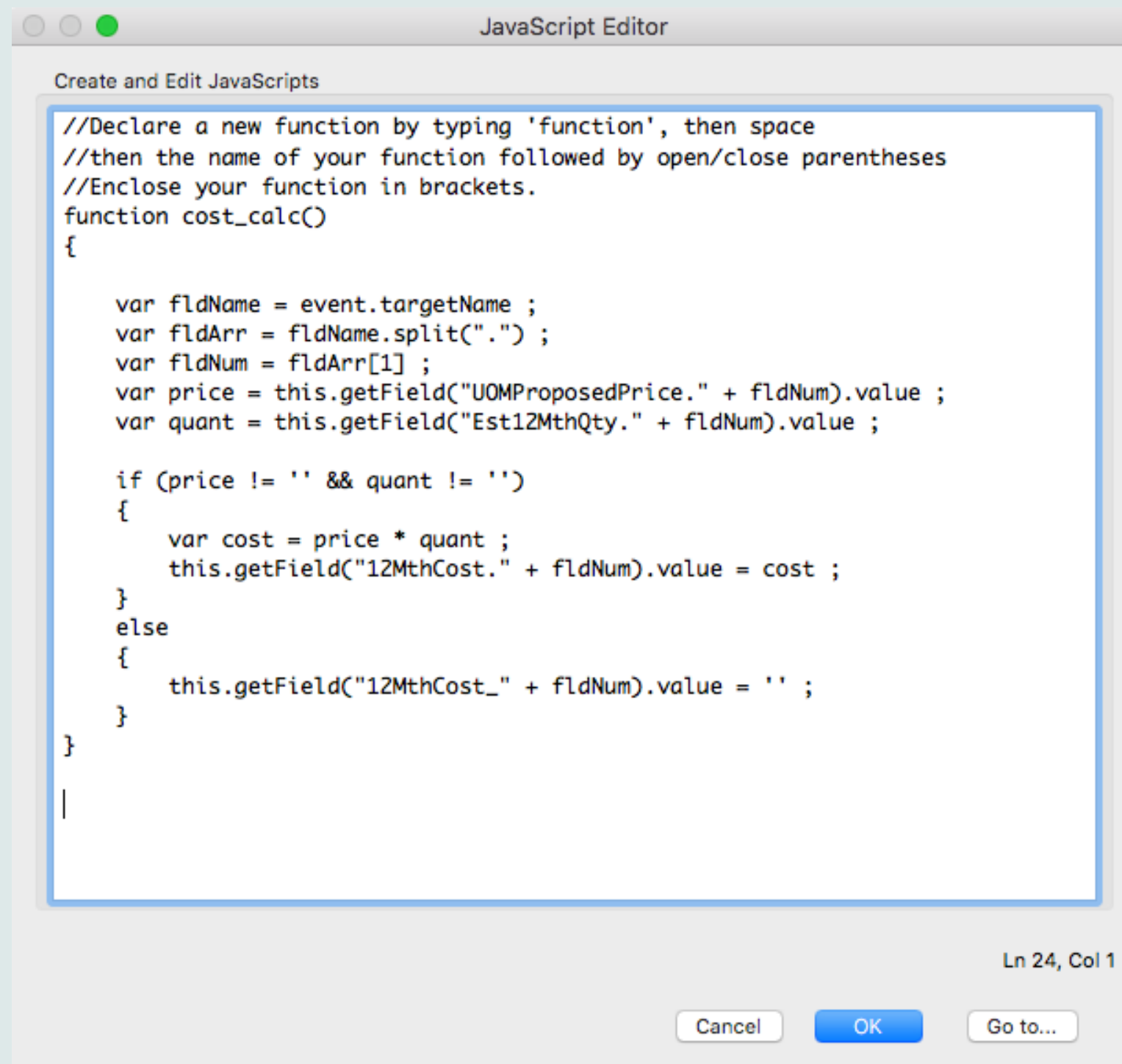
Product Description	Manufacturer Name	Product Catalogue Number	Packaging Details (eg.: Box, Case, Pack)	Number of Single Units per Package	Price	Estimated 12 Month Usage	Estimated Annual Spend (Price x Est 12 Month Usage)
Product 1		98787	Box	5	\$45	95	\$4,275
Product 2		8456555	Pack	1	\$3	1,545	\$5,021
Product 3		6566	Case	24	\$165	10	\$1,650



- ▶ Using hierarchical field names and document level scripts reduced the overall number of scripts in your form.
- ▶ Call your document level function by typing the function name, then open/close parentheses.

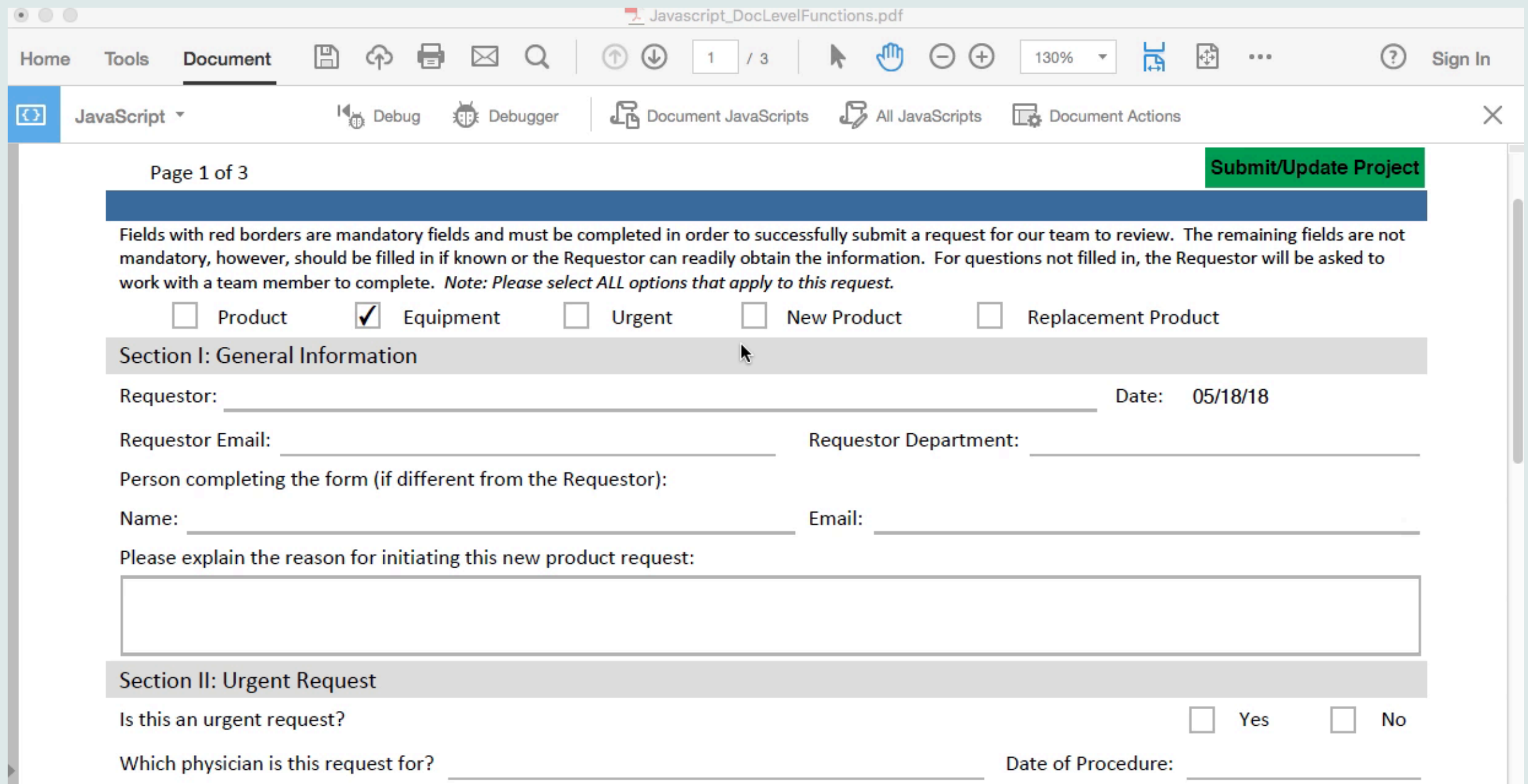
DOCUMENT LEVEL SCRIPTS

Using Field Name Hierarchy



DOCUMENT LEVEL VALIDATION SCRIPT

This example uses a document level script and loops through all the fields on the form.



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Submit/Update Project

Fields with red borders are mandatory fields and must be completed in order to successfully submit a request for our team to review. The remaining fields are not mandatory, however, should be filled in if known or the Requestor can readily obtain the information. For questions not filled in, the Requestor will be asked to work with a team member to complete. *Note: Please select ALL options that apply to this request.*

☐ Product ☒ Equipment ☐ Urgent ☐ New Product ☐ Replacement Product

Section I: General Information

Requestor: _____ Date: 05/18/18

Requestor Email: _____ Requestor Department: _____

Person completing the form (if different from the Requestor):

Name: _____ Email: _____

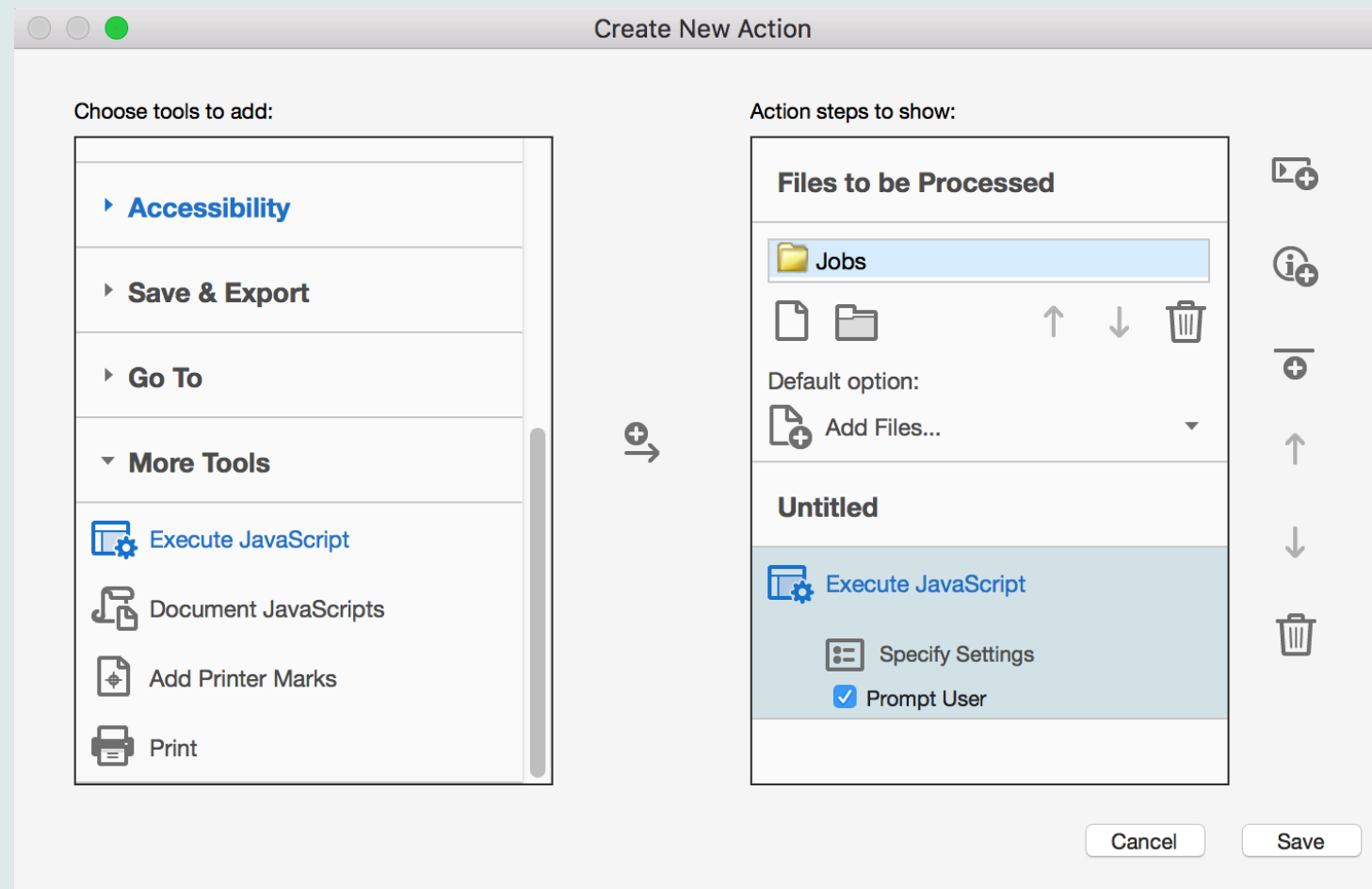
Please explain the reason for initiating this new product request:

Section II: Urgent Request

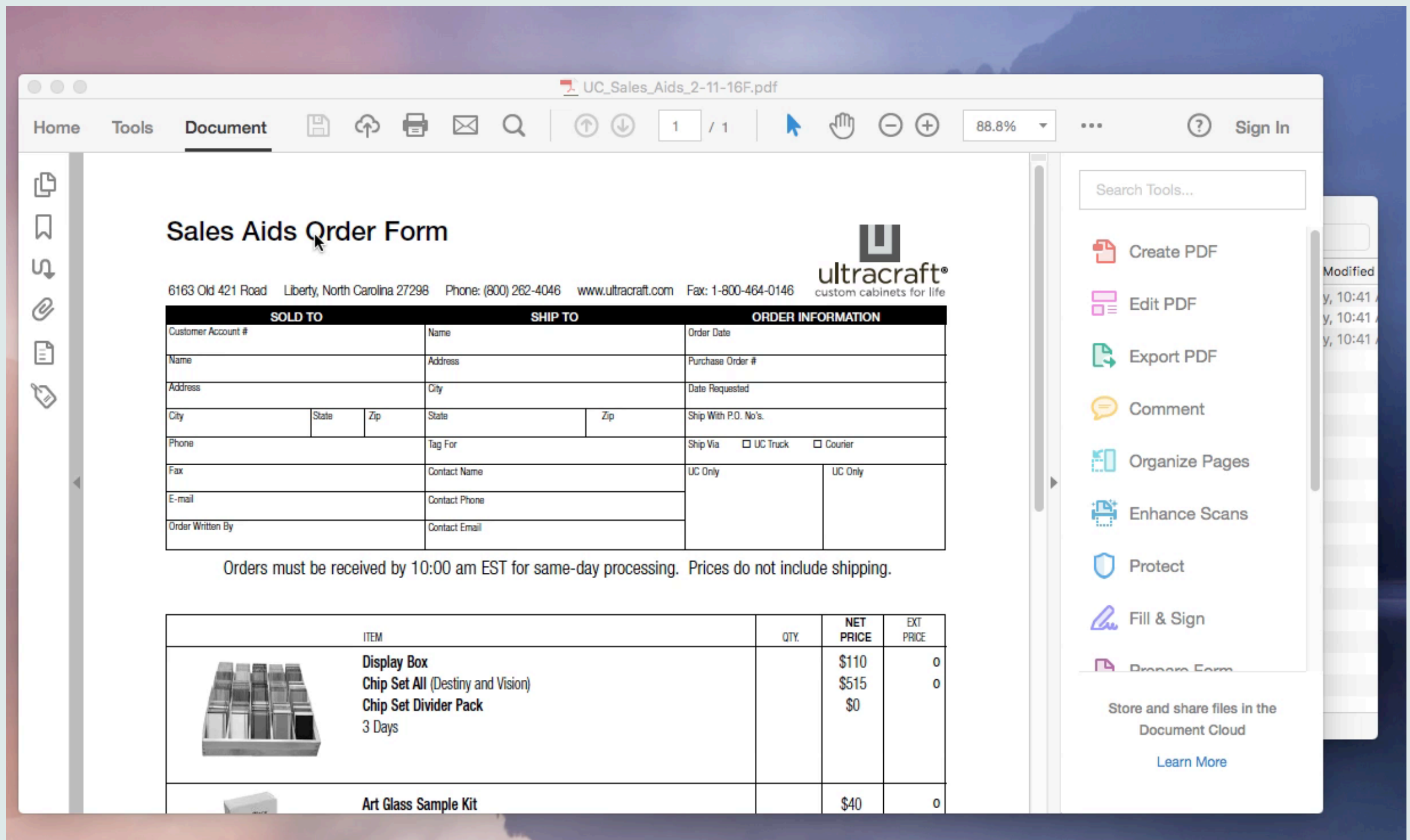
Is this an urgent request? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which physician is this request for? _____ Date of Procedure: _____

ACTION WIZARD

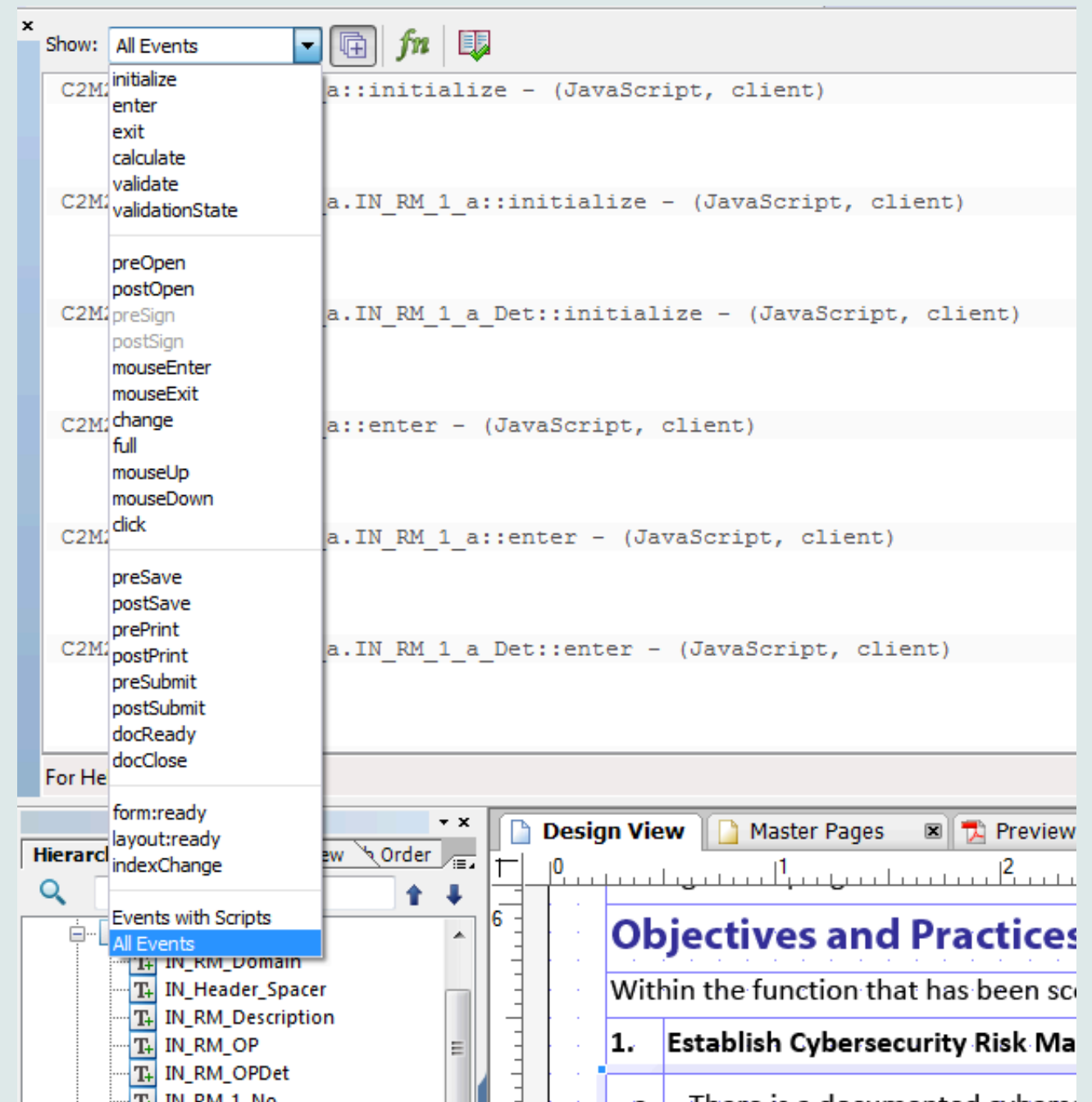


- ▶ Run complex scripts against multiple files at once.
- ▶ Access to features that are not available when calling scripts from a form object in an open document.



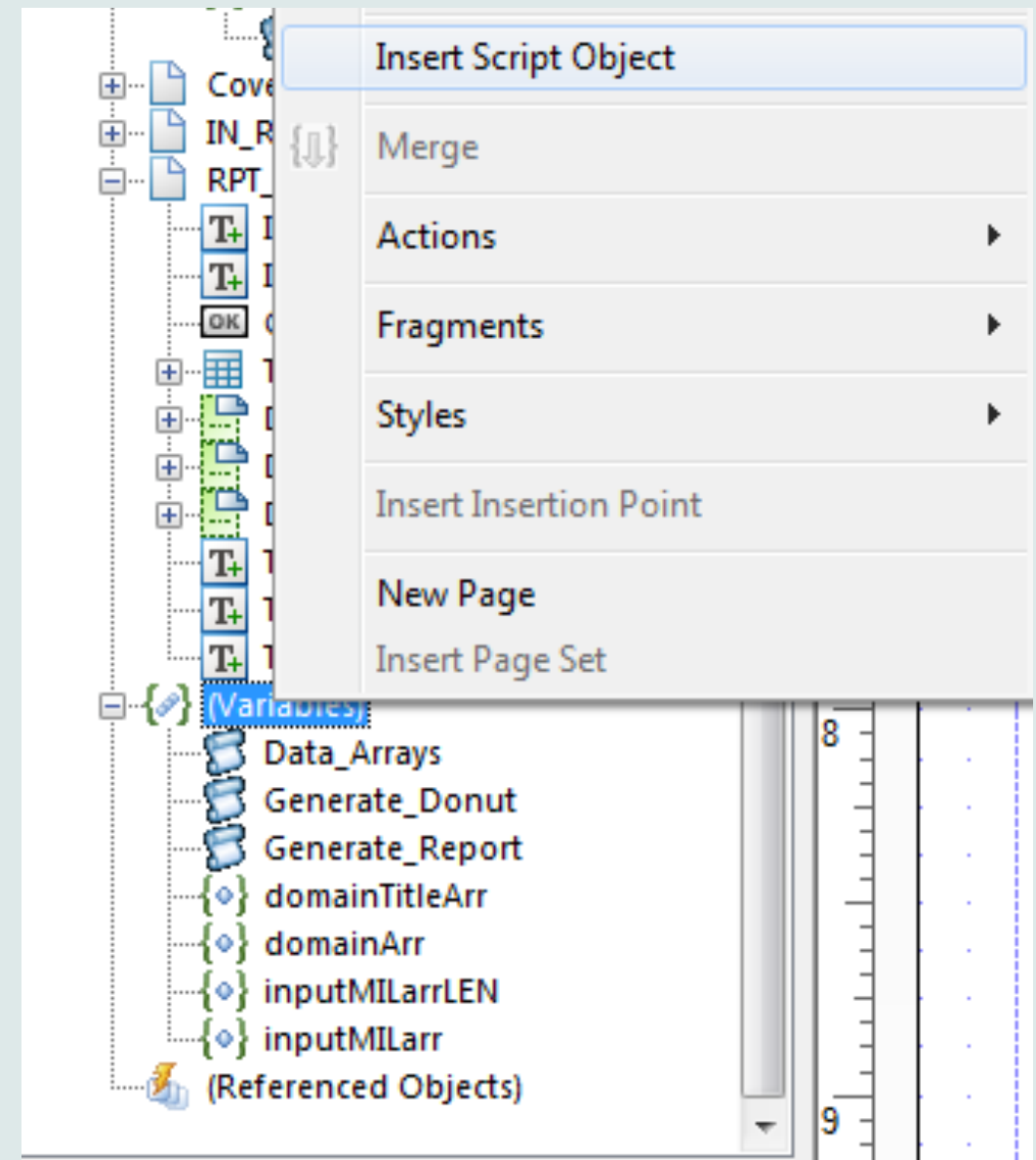
XFA FORMS – JAVASCRIPT IN EVENTS

- ▶ XFA forms allow users to assign scripts to Events associated with all types of form objects.
- ▶ When an object is selected, all available events will display in the scripting window drop down.
- ▶ Events that are not available for that object will be grayed out.



XFA FORMS – DOCUMENT LEVEL SCRIPTS

- ▶ Add scripts at the Form level by Inserting a Script Object .
- ▶ Scripts can be maintained in one place for consistency and used throughout the form.
- ▶ Global variables must be set in File > Form Properties > Variables.



FORMCALC VS. JAVASCRIPT

```
C2M2.RPT_DET.Gen_Rpt::mouseDown - (JavaScript, client)
```

```
//PRIMARY FUNCTION
```

```
Generate_DetReport.makeDetailedReport()
```

```
//TESTING
```

Language: JavaScript ▼

Run At: Client ▼

FormCalc

JavaScript

- ▶ Both languages can be used in the same form.
- ▶ The expected language is noted both in the Scripting Window editor and in the toolbar.
- ▶ Can only call functions from the same language.

Calling FormCalc Functions from JavaScript

John Brinkman for Adobe

http://blogs.adobe.com/formfeed/2009/02/calling_formcalc_functions_fro.html

REFERENCING FIELDS OR OBJECTS

Fields or objects can be referenced directly by their reference string:

```
var weight = General_Info.Gen_SubWt.Gen_SubWt_lbs.rawValue
```

Or by using the resolveNode method with that string, useful in keeping scripts generic:

```
var fldName = "General_Info.Gen_SubWt.Gen_SubWt_lbs"  
xfa.resolveNode(fldName).rawValue
```

Referencing Objects in Calculations and Scripts

Adobe LiveCycle ES4

https://help.adobe.com/en_US/lifecycle/11.0/DesignerScriptingBasics/index.html

REFERENCING FIELDS OR OBJECTS

You can also loop through a set of table Nodes or Subforms:

```
var allCircles = xfa.resolveNodes("RM_RPT_1.Pie.Bow")

for (var i = 0; i < circleName.length; i++) {
    allBows.item(i).value.arc.sweepAngle = Sweep ;}
```

Or table Nodes:

```
var oNodes = Invest_Prod_All.InvProd_Table.IP_Row1.nodes;
var nodesLength = 6;

for (var i = 0; i < nodesLength; i++)
{
    var chk = oNodes.item(i).rawValue
}
```

MOBILE SUPPORT FOR JS

MOBILE VIEWER SUPPORT



Adobe Acrobat Reader Mobile

iOS and Android

FREE

Limited support for custom javascript.

PDF Expert

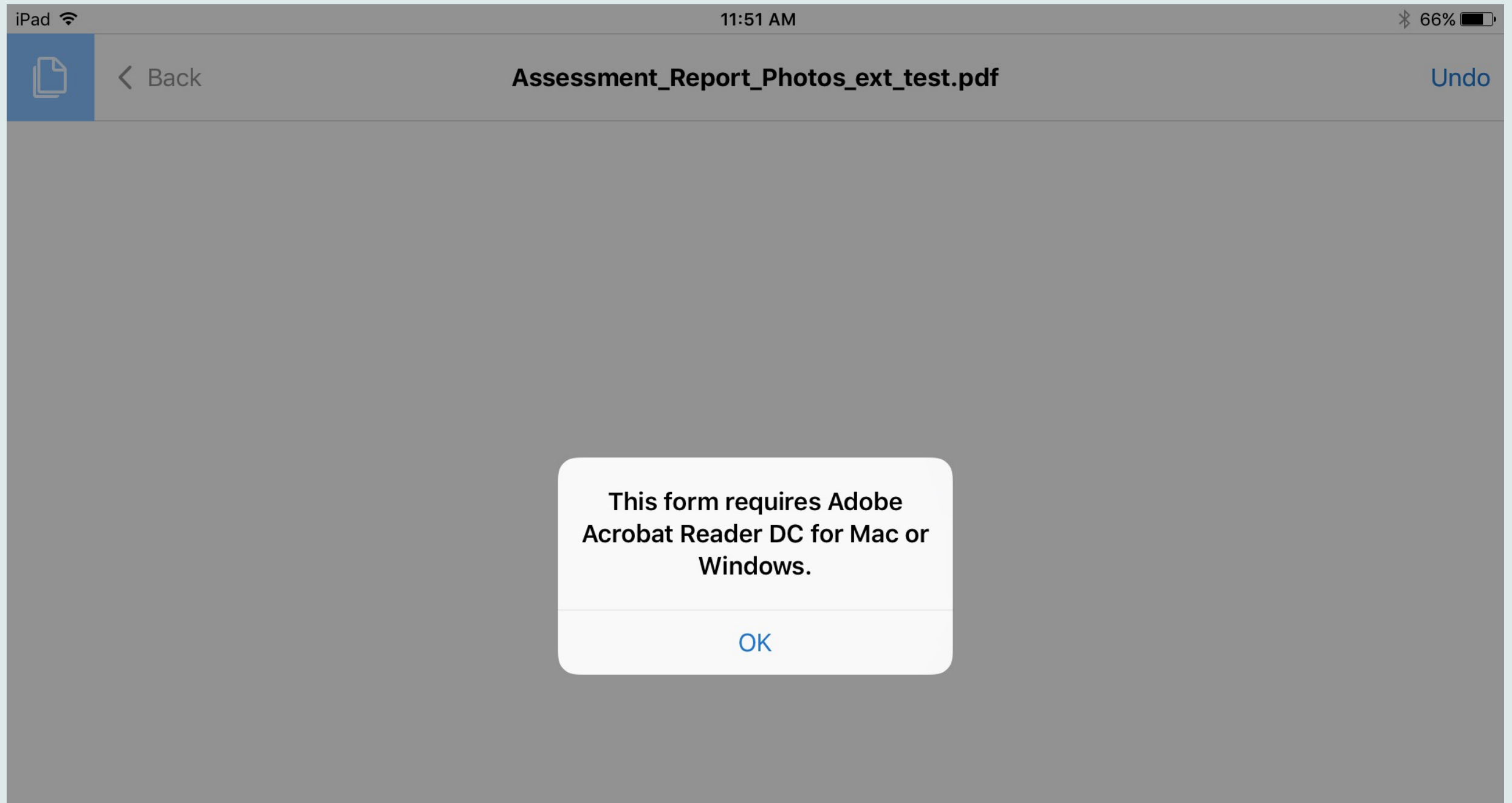
iOS Only

\$9.99

Strong support for custom javascript, but must be tested on a case by case basis.



XFA FORMS ON MOBILE DEVICES



OTHER JAVASCRIPT IMPLEMENTATIONS

- ▶ Show/Hide Fields
- ▶ Cascading Drop-down menus
- ▶ Required field validation
- ▶ Populate fields with common data
- ▶ Custom form submission
- ▶ SOAP calls
- ▶ PDF as stand-alone data gathering 'application'

QUESTIONS?

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